

PRIMOGENITURE LAW
ATTRACTS ATTENTION

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Primogeniture laws upon the statutes of Missouri, attention to which was called by Joseph G. Holliday in a communication to the Republic, have occasioned considerable comment among members of the bar. Persons making wills are warned not to use the phrase "heirs of the body" unless it be intended that the property bequeathed to a certain heir shall descend to the eldest son of that heir, to the exclusion of other children. This is a revival of the old English common law.

Upon a principle similar to that laid down by Blackstone, in which he says that the "King can do no wrong," attorneys are averse to criticizing the Supreme Court of the State, but, disregarding ethics, it is admitted by the legal fraternity that the court made a clerical error when, in a recent decision, it was made possible for a testator in Missouri to so entail an estate that it would descend through the lines of eldest sons.

"Our next Legislature should change the law," said Joseph G. Holliday yesterday, "and, meanwhile, persons making wills should avoid the use of the term 'heirs of the body' when referring to the heirs and assigns of any one beneficiary in the will."

Use of the phrase "heirs of the body" is common in drawing wills, and it has had no legal effect in Missouri, but the court's decision of the 24th inst. has caused the legal fraternity to take notice of the phrase, and the point raised over primogeniture may be readily disposed of.

POTTER PALMER'S ESTATE
MAY BE WORTH \$15,000,000.

Palmer House Valued at \$7,500,000
and His Lake Shore Drive Residence
Is Worth a Million.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Chicago, May 10.—Because his realty holdings consisted of so many distinct pieces of property, the current market value of which has not been ascertained, not even a reliable approximate estimate is made this morning of the wealth of Potter Palmer. The figures proposed by conservative men run all the way from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000, the average being \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Several years ago Mr. Palmer told an intimate friend his income was \$1,000 a day. It was considered increased since that time. His most valuable single holding was the Palmer House and the mercantile stores therein. Some time ago the Swift special commission placed a valuation of \$10,000,000 on this property. The estate's income from this source is now estimated to be \$1,000,000, which would indicate a market value of \$7,500,000 for the property.

Mr. Palmer's income was almost entirely in the form of rents. Within the territory between the Chicago River and Twelfth street, on east of State street, and in another district north of the river, on the Lake Shore drive and contiguous thereto, Mr. Palmer owned more than half a hundred valuable pieces of property, much of which is improved with fine residences.

The Lake Shore drive residence, where Mr. Palmer lived and died, is estimated to be worth \$1,000,000. The other North Side property probably is worth on the open market \$2,000,000.

Only a few days ago Mr. Palmer filed a schedule of personal property aggregating \$11,735, the largest of his kind ever filed in Cook County.

"I believe," said James J. Gray, member of the Board of Assessors, "that \$15,000,000 would be a fair estimate of the Palmer estate."

The members of the family would give out no statement as to the amount of the insurance carried by Mr. Palmer, but it is said to have been much less than was popularly supposed.

SPONGES RARE AND QUEER.
Unique Collection, Including
Some From Mediterranean.

Sponges and coral of rare and peculiar formation are being displayed at Harrison and Washington avenue in a collection which represents twenty-five years of work and a considerable expenditure of money.

We Give and Guarantee You the Best the Market Affords, and We Sell
These Superior Goods at Lower Prices Than All Others.

Another good man gone wrong!!
The Baron has bitten off more than he can chew!

YOU NEVER SAW SUCH A STOCK
—OF—
LACE CURTAINS

Under one roof before. Joe must have been hypnotized last time he was East. He often gets in that fix when away from his wife. Overbuying is the rock on which Joe splits. We have a few more, unfortunately, like him.

1,000 pair of Scotch Lace Curtains, manufacturers' seconds, bought direct from one of the largest curtain mills in America. We have made into 3 lots.

Lot No. 1—Regular value, \$1.10 to \$1.65, at (pair)..... 75c
Lot No. 2—Regular value, \$1.75 to \$2.00, at (pair)..... 95c
Lot No. 3—Regular value, \$2.00 to \$2.75, at (pair)..... 1.25

Ruffled Scrim Curtains, our size kind, this week at (pair)..... 50c
Lace Bed Sets, Shams to match; our \$2.00 kind; this week (set)..... 1.35
Tapestry Portieres, fringe top and bottom; were \$1.75; this week (pair)..... 1.25
Rope Portieres for full size doors, were \$2.00, now..... 1.25
2-panel Fire Screens, 5 feet high, alkali line filling; were \$1.10; this week (each)..... 69c
Brass Extension Rods; were 75c, now..... 3 1/2c

On Monday
We start a Grand Clearing Sale of Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits. This is beyond a doubt the grandest suit sale ever heard of. These suits are all made of the finest Etamines, Venetian Cloths, Serges, Basket Weaves and Homespuns, colors blue, tan, gray, black, castor and brown. No extra charge for altering.

Our \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.50 up to \$22.50 Tailor-Made Suits—one price only..... \$8.50
Our \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00 up to \$30.00 Ladies' Tailor-Made Dress Skirts—one price only..... \$9.98
Our \$25.00 White Pique Walking Skirts—for this sale..... \$2.50
Our \$27.50 black and white polka dot and blue and white polka dot Duck Dress Skirts—for this sale..... \$1.48

All garments altered free of charge.

A TAN SHOE SENSATION.
Just when you want it—A Tan Shoe Sale. Tan Shoes—the softest, easiest, coolest for yourself. Tan Shoes—best wearing for the children—absolutely slaughtered Monday. Windows full of them; tables full of them. Get your size quick.

Four Pairs for Price of One.

The Tan Oxfords, 500 pairs, all good styles, hand-sewed turns and welts; regular selling prices \$2, \$3 and \$4. Sale price Monday..... 98c
Tan High Shoes, 400 pairs; the best that were ever made, sold at \$3, \$4 and \$5, hand-sewed turns and welts—all good styles..... \$1.19
Children's Tan Shoes, all the \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 grades lace and button. Monday..... 69c

Go-Carts Good Trunks
...AT...
Cheap Trunk Prices.

Fifty new samples; every one a bargain. We challenge any one to buy these carts elsewhere at anywhere near these prices. Be on hand early and select the best.

Go-Carts, fancy design, adjustable backs and fronts, nicely upholstered, with parosol, rubber tired, enamelled gear; regular price \$7.25—Sample Price..... \$5.49
Go-Carts, fancy design, all the latest improvements, sold by all others for \$10.00—Sample Price..... \$7.98

Canvas Trunks, fiber bound, brass trimmed, heavy clamp. This is a first-class trunk in every way—worth \$5.50—while the lot lasts..... \$3.75
Canvas Trunks, fiber bound, heavy brass corners, 34 inches, with straps. This trunk is worth all of \$7.50—Special..... \$4.98
Canvas Trunks, a few odd samples, worth \$10.50—This Sale..... \$7.98

D. CRAWFORD & CO., Washington Avenue and Sixth Street.

YOUNG ENTERTAINERS WILL APPEAR AT MARTHA PARSON'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BENEFIT.

"Nod, or the Country School," will be given at the Century, May 16, by children for the benefit of the Martha Parsons Free Hospital for Children. The performance will be repeated on the afternoon of May 17 and on the afternoon of May 21. "Nod" is described as a new child's costume play of unique interest. There will be a large cast, and special attention will be given to the scenic features of the entertainment. The piece will be produced under the direction of Jacob Mahler. The cast is announced as follows:

Characters in Act I.
Miss Priscilla Patience, Irma Kraus; Miss Ruby Post, Ruth Mitchell; Professor Morpheus, Derwood Breeding; Fanny English, Ruth Payne; Jack Snow, Arthur Labar; Dicky Bird, Marcela Carroll; Minnie Mum, Julia Lindenschmidt; Sherry Bounce, Sara Tate; Joe Kerr, George Drees.

Characters in Act II.
First White Wing, Frank Hall Kentner; Second White Wing, Lee Tate; Third White Wing, Derwood Breeding; Fourth White Wing, Bezie Thole; Jacques, Derwood Breeding; Queen of Wonderland, Ruth Mitchell; Columbia, Ella Drees; Shamrock, George Drees; Henn Van Kamp, Rene Jean Mechin.

STEAMER CONCORDIA
FOUND ABANDONED

Now Believed That Passengers and
Crew Were Swept Into
the Sea.

Vancouver, British Columbia, May 10.—Disasted and half masted from a battering from the rough waves of the northern sea, the steamer Concordia, has been picked up off the coast of Vancouver Island by the Vancouver steamer New England.

The finding of the vessel points definitely to another awful casualty in the list of coast disasters.

Not a living soul was found aboard. The boat was fully equipped, well engineered and had apparently been fitted out for a long coast cruise. She would have carried at least four of a crew, and had sleeping apartments for half a dozen others, so that probably at least eight or nine persons were aboard.

Where they are now, no one knows. The New England made a search of near-by coasts, but found nothing. When discovered the vessel was being washed from stem to stern by every wave and getting away in a small boat would have been impossible. What was the fate of the crew and the passengers is a mystery. So far no evidence points to any tragedy except their having been swept off during a storm of five days and drowned. The New England ran across the derelict yesterday afternoon. The hull of the steamer lies fifty miles off the northern end of Vancouver Island, and fifty miles west of Fitz Hugh Sound.

She was away out in the open sea twenty hours from the regular course of north-bound vessels. The vessel was rolling heavily, and Captain Gott of the New England does not believe she would have stayed afloat another two hours.

The steamer had evidently fitted out on Puget Sound, for there were Seattle labels on some of the boxes, and she had probably sailed at Nanaimo or Salton.

ST. LOUIS GREATEST STORE
CRAWFORD'S
A CITY OF SIGHTS

Much in Earnest in
Speaking of the Goods in Our Millinery Dep't
Which Is Fairly Smothering Itself in Glory!
Ask Everybody!

Don't miss this opportunity for procuring your summer hat. We are going to show an entire new line of all the latest and most up-to-date, stylish and chic Flower and Straw Dress and Walking Hats that has ever been displayed in our magnificent salon; among these will be the new Summer Girl, The Bar Harbor "Bell Crown Sailor," the Newport, made of Tuscan and Raffia Crown, and all the new shades of navy and green combinations; among these we will show many of our own creations, as our designer has just returned from a trip East and is perfectly fresh and up to date with the very latest ideas.

600 Ready to Wear and Walking Hats, made of best quality China straw, white underlaid, Raffia, sear, edging in white, actually worth \$10.50, our price..... \$5.98
200 Bar Harbor and Straw Hats, made of white and green straw, with wings, buckles and velvet ribbons, actually worth \$12.50, our price..... \$6.98
400 Beautiful Walking Hats, all colors of straw; made of best Tuscan, trimmed with wings, buckles and velvet ribbons, actually worth \$12.50, our price..... \$6.98
Our new Summer Girl Hat, with black and white brim and black and white waist and green quill, actually worth \$12.50, our price..... \$6.98

The Bar Harbor Jap Sailor, bell crown, white underlaid, Raffia sear, edging in white, actually worth \$10.50, our price..... \$5.98
The Newport, a beautiful and very stylish white and Tuscan brim, Raffia crown, draped, and a large white quill, actually worth \$10.50, our price..... \$5.98
The St. Louis Belle, made of Cuba tan, flat underlaid of navy and green straw, some trimmed with ribbon and cabochons, others with wings and cabochons, actually worth \$12.50 and \$15.00, our price..... \$6.50
A new line of Children's and Misses' Trimmed Hats, all the very latest, beautiful and fetching effects, prices \$6, \$8, \$10, \$12.50, up to..... \$15.00

Pianos.
If you did not get in on our extraordinary piano offer you should not miss it now. You may not get such another chance in 10 years. These pianos are all high grade. Piano dealers never dream of selling them for less than \$250.00 to \$500.00. We guarantee them for 5 years, because we know what they are. The interior construction is of the best and the tone quality is simply unsurpassed, but a slight chip here or a scratch there on the cases has made it imperative that we should sell them at a sacrifice, and a great sacrifice you will find them—think of getting absolutely new and handsome pianos for

\$147.00, \$169.00, \$185.00 and \$200.00.

backed by our PERSONAL GUARANTEE OF 35 YEARS' STANDING! Nothing mushroom about us. We do not skin you on a deal to-day and be gone to-morrow. SEE US BEFORE BUYING A PIANO. We sell them for cash or \$5.00, \$8.00 or \$10.00 monthly payments.

Furniture Department.
If you don't see our line of Furniture (recognized as the most complete in the city) before purchasing you will be out of pocket, and this is no mere figure of speech. Just think—

Woven Wire Cots—just the thing for summer—never sell for less than \$1.50—with us..... \$1.00

Iron Beds, in pretty shades of green or white enamel—brass rails and spindle—would cost you elsewhere \$6.00; with us..... \$4.98

Large Quartered and Polished Oak Sideboard, with French plate mirror—well made and finished—when we sell it for \$20.00..... \$8.75

Golden Oak Dressers, with French plate mirror—well made and finished—with others, \$10.00—with us..... \$8.75

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LAURENE SHUMATE
JULIA JINDEN-SCHMIT
GEORGE DREES

Wash Goods.
An exhibition of beautiful wash fabrics of the most fashionable, dainty and delightful summery materials, in styles of bewitching fascination and attractiveness, at prices within the reach of every one.

150 pieces 36-inch wide dark ground Percale, regular 12 1/2c quality, go while they last at, per yard..... 10c
800 yards of navy blue Swiss, with embroidered white dot, four different sizes. Regular 25c goods, but will close out this small lot at, per yard..... 15c
A full line of 32-inch wide Dimity, 15c quality, goes Monday at, per yard..... 10c
A large variety of stripes and figures in all the good colorings of 32 and 36 inch wide French Percale. This fabric sells everywhere at 20c; we will run them Monday at, per yard..... 12 1/2c

A Few Choice Plums
In Fine Summer Wash Fabrics
for Monday:

Fine Dimities, Batiste, fine Corded Cambric Lawns, all neat designs, fast colors, regular 10c 15c & 20c quality, Monday..... 10c
Lace-Striped Batiste, all shades, worth 25c, only..... 15c
Woven-Stripe Embroidered Scotch Lawn, all new shades and designs, only..... 25c
Silk Mousseline de Soie, in plain colors, including black; a beautiful fabric; will wash; regular 39c quality—Sale Price Monday..... 25c
Silk-Stripe Etamine, a new, imported, very swell fabric for dresses and waists, regular 85c quality, Monday..... 49c

The One Perfect Refrigerator,
The "Odorless."

Know the secret of refrigeration. Keeping the air on the go—fanning the food, so to speak. The ice is the fan. Warm air rises; cold air sinks. The "Odorless" does the work wonderfully well, because the cold air enters the provision chamber at the bottom and forces the warm air out at the top—FORCES IT OUT, NOT BACK ONTO THE ICE AGAIN. This leaves the driest sort of air for circulation among the foods. Dry cold air keeps food from getting sticky and mucky. There are thousands of less costly refrigerators (and we have some of them), but they won't be bought by people who appreciate cleanliness or have the right idea of economy.

The "Odorless" can be bought nowhere else in St. Louis but here.

A complete line of other makes as low as..... \$5.98

We would suggest that you place your orders for these with us as early as possible, in order that you will not be greatly delayed in getting your gas connected.

Size 4x16, Special Favorite Range..... \$18.00
Size 4x18, Regal Favorite Range..... \$21.00
Size 4x16, Regal Favorite, with water heater..... \$30.00

Sold on easy payments of 10c a day.

Blue Flame Oil Stoves.
The Brooklyn Best on Earth.

1 Burner..... \$4.75
2 Burner..... \$5.08
3 Burner..... \$8.50
Charcoal Filled Galvanized Iron Water Cooler.....
2 Gallon..... \$1.49
3 Gallon..... \$1.89
4 Gallon..... \$2.19
6 Gallon..... \$2.75
2-Burner Gas Hot Plates..... \$1.35